

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph on page 11, between lines 14-20 of the specification with the following:

The apparatus 950 further has a speech synthesis module 956. The speech synthesis module 956 has storage 957 for storing of pitch bells, i.e. diphone samples which have been windowed by means of the window function as it is also illustrated in FIG. 2. It is to be noted that the storage 957 does not necessarily have to be ~~bitch-bells~~ pitch-bells. The whole diphones can be stored with period location information, or the diphones can be monotonized to a constant pitch. This way it is possible to retrieve ~~bitch-bells~~ pitch-bells from the database by using a window function in the synthesis module.